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EDITORIAL NOTE.

The present volume, xxi, second half, precedes in time of appearing the first half, which has been delayed. The latter is a complete Index to all the previous volumes. It has a separate pagination and will be issued as soon as possible. Unavoidable obstacles have prevented its earlier appearance and it seemed undesirable to keep back the second half till the first should appear.

In the matter of Avestan transcription the editor on the Aryan side was confronted with the following problem. The articles in this volume by Prof. Mills and Dr. Gray, respectively, belong each to a series of articles by the same authors published partly in this Journal and partly elsewhere in different systems of transcription. It seemed unjust to compel either writer to change completely his previous system, especially as the Journal has hitherto adopted no one system. For this reason, although at the expense of uniformity, the two articles have been published in accordance with the systems of transcription employed in previous articles by the same writers. But it is obviously inadvisable to follow such a course in future, and as Prof. Mills' series of articles has now come to an end, while at the same time the system approved by the *Grundriss der iranischen Philologie* generally obtains, this latter system has been adopted for the Journal and contributors of future articles are requested to conform to it. The principal deviations from the old standard of Justi's *Handbuch der Zendsprache* are as follows:

Justi	<i>e</i> , New standard	<i>ə</i>	Justi	<i>t̥</i> , New standard	<i>t̃</i>
"	<i>é</i> , "	" <i>ē</i>	"	<i>n̄</i> , "	" <i>n̄</i>
"	<i>ē</i> , "	" <i>e, ē</i>	"	<i>n̄</i> , "	" <i>n̄</i>
"	<i>āo</i> , "	" <i>ā</i>	"	<i>n̄</i> , "	" <i>n, m</i>
"	<i>ā</i> , "	" <i>a</i>	"	<i>ś</i> , "	" <i>s</i>
"	<i>kh</i> , "	" <i>x</i>	"	<i>s</i> , "	" <i>š</i>
"	<i>gh</i> , "	" <i>γ</i>	"	<i>sh</i> , "	" <i>š</i>
"	<i>c</i> , "	" <i>č</i>	"	<i>sk</i> , "	" <i>š</i>
"	<i>j</i> , "	" <i>ǰ</i>	"	<i>zh</i> , "	" <i>ž</i>
"	<i>th</i> , "	" <i>θ</i>	"	<i>q</i> , "	" <i>h, x^v</i>
"	<i>dh</i> , "	" <i>δ</i>			

For a comparative table of the various systems of transcription employed prior to 1890, see Jackson, *Avestan Alphabet and its Transcription*, 30-33.